

REMARKS

Upon entry of the instant amendments, claims 1-35, 40-55 and 58-59 will be pending. Claims 3, 36-39 and 56-57 have been canceled.

None of these amendments introduce new matter. The amendments have been made to better define the invention and bring the claims and the specification in conformity with each other. The claim amendments have not been made for purposes related to patentability. Early and favorable action is requested.

Examiner Interview

Applicants respectfully thank the Examiner for the interview of April 19, 2004.

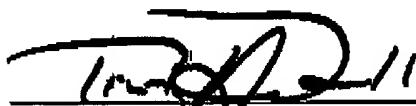
Conclusion

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 500862000700. However, the Assistant Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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